

## REMARKS

### *Elections/Restrictions and Interview Summary*

In the Office Action mailed on May 3, 2005, claims 1-16 were restricted to Groups I to V. In a June 16, 2005 telephonic interview between the Examiner and Applicants' representative, Paul W. Churilla, an agreement was reached to restrict the subject matter of the application as follows:

**Group I** – Methods for programming memory devices and corresponding apparatus claims;

**Group II** – Methods for erasing memory devices and corresponding apparatus claims; and

**Group III** – Methods for reading memory devices and corresponding apparatus claims.

In accordance with this agreement, Applicants elect Group I as indicated above. Accordingly, Applicants have canceled claims 8-11. Applicants have also amended claim 12 to remove reference to erasing and amended claim 14 to include limitations previously recited in claim 15, which has also been canceled.

By these amendments, claims 1-7, 12-14 and 16 are now pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner now examine the pending claims on the merits.

Respectfully Submitted,

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